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NEBRASKA CAREER EDUCATORS SHARPEN SKILLS AT BEGINNING TEACHER INSTITUTE, LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

More than 40 Nebraska Career and Technical Education (CTE) teachers and school counselors gathered July 27-29 in Lincoln for two professional development experiences — one targeted for beginning teachers, the other for veteran educators with leadership experience.

The common denominator: Both groups have a passion for teaching students the skills and knowledge vital for success in college and career.

The Career Education Beginning Teacher Institute was designed to support teachers who have finished their first, second or third year of teaching. Beginning teachers were provided strategies to help them enhance the quality, rigor and relevance of their classroom instruction.

The Institute also provided a forum to help teachers build positive, dependable and supportive relationships among their teacher colleagues across the state. In addition, interactive learning and presentations by state and national Career and Technical Education leaders allowed the teachers to gain insights to help strengthen their classroom instruction. Teachers shared their successes and challenges to begin building a collaborative network of professional contacts that they can call on for ideas and support in the future.

While the Beginning Teacher Institute focused on beginning teachers, the Career Education Leadership Academy targeted experienced educators to further develop their leadership potential and to provide them with access to resources and instructional strategies to ensure that all students are career ready.

The Career Education Leadership Academy was designed to help grow the leadership potential of Nebraska educators by creating a shared vision focused on the Nebraska Career Education Model as a framework. The Academy is a practical,

hands-on experience that inspires, engages and strengthens career educators' leadership knowledge and skills. The Career Education Leadership Academy utilizes The Leadership Challenge model built on Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership: (1) Model the Way (2) Inspire a Shared Vision (3) Challenge the Process (4) Enable Others to Act and (5) Encourage the Heart.

Kerry Priest, assistant professor at Kansas State University, and Ryan Foor, assessment coordinator at the University of Arizona, facilitated the Career Education Leadership Academy. Anita Wollenburg, career field specialist at the Nebraska Department of Education, and Kris Elliott, assistant professor at the University of Georgia, facilitated the Beginning Teacher Institute. For more information about Nebraska Career Education and the Nebraska Career Education Model, visit <http://www.education.ne.gov/NCE/>.

Career Education Beginning Teacher Institute

2015 Participants

First Name	Last Name	School
Brett	Adkins	Lindsay Holy Family H.S.
Lyndee	Koch	Cozad H.S.
Ashley	Knust	Elkhorn Valley H.S.
Carrie	Mullendore-Dilsaver	Wahoo H.S.
Carrie	Urban	Doniphan-Trumbull H.S.
BJ	James	Lincoln Southwest H.S.
Alyse	Andreasen	Wilber-Clatonia H.S.
Clarissa	Gillham	Hastings H.S.
Kyleigh	Lewis	Dorchester H.S.
Vicky	Armstrong	Maywood H.S.
Ashton	Bohling	Auburn H.S.
Katie	Frenzen	Amherst H.S.
Morgan	Trausch	Lawrence Nelson H.S.
Shane	Hennessy	Stanton H.S.
Ashley	Wit	Lawrence/Nelson H.S.
Shane	Hennessy	East Butler H.S.
Carmen	Warner	Elm Creek H.S.
Emma	Lammers	Sutherland H.S.

Career Education Leadership Academy

2015 Participants

First Name	Last Name	School
Nancy	Annin	Millard South H.S.
Brandi	Bartels	Norfolk Senior H.S.
Lisa	Boucher	Maxwell Public Schools
Dana	Buurman	Elkhorn South H.S.
Jenna	Christensen	Columbus Senior H.S.
Reba	Deterding	Cambridge Public Schools
Thomas	Dickey	Omaha North H.S.
Kathleen	Gladem	Boone Central H.S.
Brenda	Gronewold	Beatrice H.S.
Jeanette	Kleppinger	Westside H.S.
Cheryl	Kreikemeier	Wisner-Pilger Public Schools
Lori	Luedtke	Park M.S.
Matt	Maw	Lincoln Southeast H.S.
Chelsea	Merboth	Bryan H.S.
Brett	Redemske	King Science & Tech Magnet
Marlene	Ronnfeldt	Gibbon Public Schools
Lee Ann	Runyon	Bloomfield Community Schools
Kimberly	Scarborough	Neligh-Oakdale H.S.
Kristeen	Shabram	Westside M.S.
David	Shabram	Westside M.S.
Alexandra	Shurter	Maxwell Public Schools
Adam	Skrdla	Hastings Senior H.S.
John	Vinchattle	Omaha North H.S.
Aaron	Wilson	Neligh-Oakdale Public Schools
Bonnie	Zrust	Schuyler Central H.S.